

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed July 15, 2005, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-13 and 21-25, drawn to a method for retaining oil in germ while separating a pericarp/starch fraction and the germ resulting from said process, classified in class 426, subclass 489.
- II. Claim 14, drawn to a germ product, classified in class 426, subclass 629.
- III. Claims 15-20, drawn to a separation system, classified in class 99, subclass 537.

Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-13 and 21-25. Applicant respectfully cancels claims 14 (Group II) and 15-20 (Group III) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6976 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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